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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An umbrella for an animal comprising:

a saddle;

straps connected to the saddle for detachably attaching the saddle to the animal;

a collapsible canopy;

a shaft with first and second ends, ~~connected at the first end~~ connected to the collapsible canopy; ~~and connected at the second end to the saddle in a pivotable manner, wherein the shaft can be pivoted at the second end between a substantially vertical position and a substantially horizontal position; and~~

a pivot operatively connecting the second end of the shaft to the saddle and permitting rotation of the shaft about a pivot point between a substantially vertical and a substantially horizontal position relative to the saddle; and

a position lock to releasably secure securing the shaft in the said vertical position.

Claims 2 - 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Currently amended) The umbrella of claim 1, further comprising a folded canopy holder for securing the ~~shaft and folded~~ canopy to the saddle ~~when while~~ the shaft is ~~in the substantially horizontal position and the canopy is folded~~ attached to the saddle at the second end.

Claim 12 (Currently amended) The umbrella of claim 11, wherein the folded canopy holder ~~is a~~ clip lock comprises a strap attached to an end of the saddle distal to the animal's head, which strap passes over the folded canopy when the canopy is in the horizontal position relative to the saddle.

Claim 13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Original) The umbrella of claim 1, further comprising a leash-receiving ring secured to the saddle.

Claims 15 - 19 (Cancelled)

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Claim 20 (New) The umbrella of claim 1, wherein the pivot comprises a pivot pin defining the pivot point.

Claim 21 (New) The umbrella of claim 20, wherein the pivot pin traverses the second end of the shaft and engages the saddle, securing the shaft pivotally to the saddle.

Claim 22 (New) The umbrella of claim 21, which further comprises:
a plate secured to the saddle; and
first and second mutually substantially parallel planar members secured substantially perpendicular to the plate,
wherein the pivot pin traverses the first planar member, a first hole in the second end of the shaft, and the second planar member.

Claim 23 (New) The umbrella of claim 21, wherein the pivot pin releasably engages the saddle, permitting the shaft to be released from the saddle when the pivot pin is disengaged.

Claim 24 (New) The umbrella of claim 23, wherein the pivot pin is resilient.

Claim 25 (New) The umbrella of claim 1, wherein the position lock comprises a locking pin for releasably securing the shaft in the substantially vertical position relative to the saddle such that the locking pin traverses the second end of the shaft when the shaft is in the substantially vertical position relative to the saddle.

Claim 26 (New) The umbrella of claim 25, which further comprises:
a plate secured to the saddle; and
first and second mutually substantially parallel planar members secured substantially perpendicularly to the plate
wherein the locking pin traverses the first planar member, a second hole in the second end of the shaft, and the second planar member, and wherein the locking pin releasably engages the first and second planar members such that when the first and second planar members and the shaft are engaged by the locking pin, the shaft is maintained in a substantially vertical position relative to the saddle, and when the locking pin is disengaged from the first and second planar members and the shaft, the shaft is pivoted about the pivot point to a substantially horizontal position relative to the saddle

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Claim 27 (New) The umbrella of claim 1, wherein the position lock comprises a tube which encircles the second end of the shaft and the pivot to secure the shaft in the substantially vertical position relative to the saddle.

Claim 28 (New) The umbrella of claim 1, which further comprises:

a plate secure to the saddle; and
first and second mutually substantially parallel planar members secured substantially perpendicularly to the plate
wherein the pivot comprises a pivot pin that traverses the first planar member, a first hole in the second end of the shaft, and the second planar member to secure the shaft to the saddle, and
wherein the position lock is a locking pin that traverses the first planar member, a second hole in the second end of the shaft, and the second planar member, the locking pin releasably engaging the first and second planar members such that when the first and second planar members are engaged by the locking pin, the shaft is maintained in a substantially vertical position relative to the saddle, and when the second pin is disengaged from the first and second planar members, the shaft is pivoted about the pivot point to a substantially horizontal position relative to the saddle.

Claim 29 (New) The umbrella of claim 12, wherein the strap comprises a clip lock for securing the canopy holder to the saddle